

# 2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: World Trade Center Health Program Scientific Technical Advisory Committee

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## 1. Department or Agency

Department of Health and Human Services

## 2. Fiscal Year

2018

## 3. Committee or Subcommittee

World Trade Center Health Program Scientific Technical  
Advisory Committee

## 3b. GSA

## Committee No.

76854

## 4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

## 5. Current Charter

05/12/2017

## 6. Expected Renewal Date

05/12/2019

## 7. Expected Term Date

## 8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

## 8b. Specific Termination Authority

## 8c. Actual Term Date

## 9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

## 10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

## 10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

## 11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

## 12. Specific Establishment Authority

P.L. 111-347 and P.L. 92-463 (5  
U.S.C. App.)

## 13. Effective Date

07/01/2011

## 14. Committee Type

Continuing

## 14c. Presidential?

No

## 15. Description of Committee Scientific Technical Program Advisory Board

## 16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this  
Fiscal Year

## 17a. Open 1 17b. Closed 0 17c. Partially Closed 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 1 Meetings and Dates

### Purpose

To conduct discussions on recommendations regarding the identification of individuals to conduct independent peer reviews of the evidence that would be the basis for issuing final rules to add a health condition to the List of WTC-Related Health Conditions; and World Trade Center Health-Related Research.

### Start

### End

03/01/2018 - 03/01/2018

## Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 1

## Current FY Next FY

## 18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members

\$3,000.00 \$4,000.00

## 18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members

\$0.00 \$0.00

## 18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff

\$30,284.00 \$46,481.00

## 18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants

\$0.00 \$0.00

## 18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members

\$5,757.00 \$18,000.00

<b>18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff</b>	\$1,714.00	\$2,652.00
<b>18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)</b>	\$2,453.00	\$2,453.00
<b>18d. Total</b>	\$43,208.00	\$73,586.00
<b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>	0.20	0.30

**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?**

Section 3302(a)(1) of the Zadroga Act establishes that the Advisory Committee will review scientific and medical evidence and make recommendations to the WTC Program Administrator on additional WTC Health Program eligibility criteria, additional WTC-related health conditions, and research needs. The committee may be consulted on other matters as related to and outlined in the Act at the discretion of the WTC Program Administrator.

**20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?**

It is anticipated that the WTCHP STAC will consist of at least 17 members. Because the focus of this committee is on the World Trade Center disaster, members with experience in treating WTC diseases will be needed. As much as possible, this committee will have both geographic diversity and a diverse makeup. The membership of the WTCHP STAC will, at minimum, consist of 4 occupational physicians, at least two of whom have experience treating WTC rescue and recovery workers; 1 physician with expertise in pulmonary medicine; 2 environmental medicine or environmental health specialists; 3 representatives of WTC responders; 3 representatives of certified-eligible WTC survivors; an industrial hygienist; a toxicologist; an epidemiologist; and a mental health professional. Additional members may be appointed at the discretion of the WTC Program Administrator.

**20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?**

Meetings are called as needed to inform the WTCHP Program Administrator on issues required by the statute. The meetings are highly relevant to the WTCHP. In FY18 one meeting was held to provide input on identifying independent peer reviewers

**20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?**

The committee was established as required by Public Law 111-347 (The James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act of 2010).

**20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?**

NA

## 21. Remarks

The committee did not provide any recommendations in FY18. Gulati, Wilkenfeld, Siegel de Hernandez, Sathyanarayana and Nordstrom were inadvertently left off of the FY17 ACR, and were added to the FY18 ACR with the correct start dates.

## Designated Federal Officer

Paul J Middendorf DFO

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Bowler, Rosemarie	12/03/2014	03/31/2018	Associate Professor and Lecturer	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Flammia, Anthony	06/06/2018	09/30/2020	Director of Community Outreach and Police Personnel	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Gulati, Mridu	10/01/2016	09/30/2019	Assistant Professor of Medicine	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Homish, Gregory	05/02/2018	09/30/2020	Assoc. Prof. Dept. of Community Health and Health Behavior	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Hughes, Catherine	09/03/2011	09/30/2020	Chair, Manhattan Community Board 1	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Jones, Vaylateena	11/29/2014	09/30/2020	Public Rep.	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Kelly, Michael	12/13/2014	03/31/2018	Executive Director	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Markowitz, Steven	09/01/2011	09/30/2020	Professor and Director	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Mayer, Annyce	02/01/2016	09/30/2018	Associate Professor of Medicine	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
McCawley, Michael	12/03/2014	03/31/2018	Interim Chair	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Mejia, Guillermina	01/29/2016	12/12/2017	Director, District Council 37	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Newman, David	05/01/2018	09/30/2020	Industrial Hygients	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Nordstrom, Lila	10/01/2016	09/30/2019	Founder and Executive Director	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Rom, William	02/02/2016	09/30/2018	Sol and Judith Professor of Medicine	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Ryan, Margaret	02/12/2016	09/30/2018	Adjunct Professor	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Sathyanarayana, Sheela	10/01/2016	09/30/2019	Attending Physician	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Siegel de Hernandez, Micki	10/01/2016	09/30/2019	Health and Safety Director	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Talaska, Glenn	02/01/2016	09/30/2018	Professor and Associate Director	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Ward, Elizabeth	02/02/2016	09/30/2018	National Vice President, Intramural Research	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Wilkenfeld, Marc	10/01/2016	09/30/2019	Chief, Division of Occupational Medicine, Department of Medicine	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 20**

### **Narrative Description**

The Advisory Committee will review scientific and medical evidence and make recommendations to the WTC Program Administrator on additional WTC Health Program eligibility criteria, additional WTC-related health conditions, research needs; identification of independent peer reviewers, and policies and procedures for adding conditions to the list of covered conditions.

### **What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?**

Checked if Applies

- |   |                                     |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| Improvements to health or safety                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Trust in government                               | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Major policy changes                              | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Advance in scientific research                    | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Effective grant making                            | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Improved service delivery                         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Increased customer satisfaction                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Other   | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

### **Outcome Comments**

NA

### **What are the cost savings associated with this committee?**

Checked if Applies

- |                            |                                     |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| None                       | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Unable to Determine        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Under \$100,000            | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| \$100,000 - \$500,000      | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| \$500,001 - \$1,000,000    | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Over \$10,000,000          | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Cost Savings Other         | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

### **Cost Savings Comments**

Not Applicable

**What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?**

**Number of Recommendations Comments**

No Recommendations were made in FY18. Suggestions were made to continue with identifying peer reviewers based on the prior recommendations.

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?**

78%

**% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

No formal recommendations were made in FY18.

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?**

0%

**% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

No formal recommendations were made in FY18,

**Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?**

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

**Agency Feedback Comments**

No recommendations were made in FY18.

**What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?**

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Action Comments**

The committee's recommendations for research were provided to tthe Office of

Extramural Programs and incorporated into the FOA announcements.

**Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?**

No

**Grant Review Comments**

This is not a grant review committee

**How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?**

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Access Comments**

NA